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**Foreign Patent Documents**

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	EP 0 066 854	12/15/1982	EUROPE				X
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	EP 0 052 624	06/02/1982	EUROPE				X
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	EP 0 659 935	06/28/1995	EUROPE				X
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